## CT DIAGNOSIS OF PARACARDIAC MASSES

a characteristic radiographic appearance, and rapid enlargement in size of the contour abnormality is particularly suggestive of this entity. Pseudoaneurysm has been observed as a complication of cardiotomy.

## Conclusion

These cases emphasize that paracardiac masses should be considered in the differential diagnosis of contour abnormalities of the cardiac shadow, even when the cardiac configuration seems characteristic of a specific cardiac diagnosis. Computerized transmission tomography has been particularly useful in delineating the extracardiac nature of these types of lesions.

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